

REMARKS

By this paper, Applicants have amended claim 45 and added claim 48. This amendment contains no new matter. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended claim 45 to broaden the claim so that it no longer requires positive attachment of the bottom plate to the underlying structural member.

Claim 48 depends from claim 45 and further specifies the use of holdowns and anchor bolts to connect the shear-resisting assembly to the underlying structural component.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowing the claim 36 through 47.

Conclusion

Applicant believes the claims are currently in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the same. Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at (510) 832-4111.

Respectfully submitted,

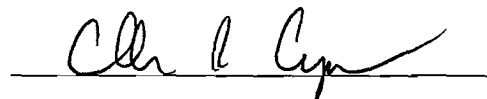
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